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To: Medicare-certified ESRD Facilities with 2300-series provider numbers

From: Director, Division of ESRD Systems and Contract Management  
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Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Your hospital-based unit has been assigned a 2300-series Medicare provider number. ("2300-series" means that the two middle digits are "23.")

You have also been assigned a related hospital provider number (usually with middle digits from "00" to "08.")

The 2300-series number is assigned to distinguish the ESRD unit's Medicare certification from the hospital's Medicare certification. However, **CMS requires ESRD units with 2300-series numbers to use the related hospital number in all correspondence other than billing.**

For this purpose . . .	Use this number . . .
<b>Billing</b>	<b>2300 number</b>
Forms 2728 and 2746	Hospital number
Patient Activity Report (PAR)	Hospital number
Facility Survey (2744)	Hospital number
CPM data	Hospital number
Fistula First Worksheet (non-LDO)	Hospital number

In CMS's national database for ESRD facilities, your unit's primary identification is the hospital number; the 2300-series number is included only as a cross-reference number.

Please use the hospital number when corresponding with ESRD Networks or CMS regarding ESRD issues. Thanks for your cooperation.